

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 4 is amended and the Abstract is amended. Thus, no new matter is added.

I. Description of Claim Amendment

Independent claim 4 is amended to cancel the feature added to claims 1, 6 and 14 and 22 in the October 13, 2006 Amendment.

II. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)

The Office Action asserts that the statement under 3.73 (b) does not provide the interest in ownership. The Office Action further asserts that

III. Reissue Declaration

The Office Action asserts that the Declaration does not state ; and rejects claims 1-33 based upon a defective Reissue Declaration. Applicants thank the Examiner for suggesting language to correct the Declaration and overcome this rejection. Applicants will respectfully submit a corrected Declaration incorporating the suggested language in a Supplemental Response. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

IV. The Abstract Satisfies All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to the Abstract because the amendments made in December 2, 2005 were in compliance set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.173(b). The amendments to the Abstract are now in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.173(b). Withdrawal of the objection is thus respectfully requested.

IV.

V. The Claims Meet Patent Office Requirements

The Office Action rejects claims 1-33 based upon the defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. §251. This rejection is respectfully traversed.


As discussed above, the reissue declaration satisfies 37 C.F.R. §1.175. Thus, the rejection of claims 1-33 must be withdrawn. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

VII. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachments:

Amended Abstract
Reissue Declaration
Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) and Consent of Assignee to Reissue

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